

to offer. Chosen by a diverse group of educational specialists and public officials, ten individuals are to receive this year's precedent award. Ms. Dodson is one of these fine individuals!

As an additional honor, Ms. Dodson and her fellow finalist will have the chance to participate in a congressional briefing to discuss the role of school counselors in obtaining student achievement. I am certain the experiences and insights these accomplished individuals share will enable them to provide Members with unique and valuable insight into this area.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me today in celebrating the accomplishments of Ms. Dodson. She is a shining example of excellence in her field; may her achievements inspire others to be the same.

HONORING RETIRING TOWN OF  
CONCORD COUNCILMAN RAY-  
MOND HUBERT

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call to the House's attention the dedicated public service of Raymond Hubert, upon the occasion of his retirement from active service as a member of the Concord Town Board.

A well respected leader in the community and staunch advocate for his Town, Ray Hubert has effectively represented his community and has consistently held an open hear to the concerns and ideas of his constituents. Ray's commitment to fellow citizens and taxpayers has been most noteworthy, and his work represents a lasting contribution to our community.

The Town of Concord has been doubly blessed by the Hubert family. Ray's wife Mary served for several years as a Town Justice. Their sacrifice in making the choice to serve their community in this way must be an inspiration to all who serve in public office.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in expressing appreciation to Ray Hubert for his years of dedicated service and commitment to his community. We wish Ray and Mary and their entire family only the very best of health and happiness long in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF W.L. GORE & AS-  
SOCIATES, INC.

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. This company, for six decades, has been committed to providing exceptional products for their customers while demonstrating exemplary business practices.

Founded in 1958, W.L. Gore & Associates has grown to be the global leader in fabrics, medical, industrial, and electronic products. The organization's success has grown from

the dedication, passion, and their commitment of their employees to excellence. For ten consecutive years, they have earned the recognition on FORTUNE magazines "100 Best Companies to Work For," and in 2007 was ranked tenth overall.

To this day, W.L. Gore & Associates is recognized for its unique corporate culture. With a mission of creativity and personal responsibility, their organization adopted a management structure driven by personal interaction. Corporate decisions are made based on knowledge and experience, rather than by official titles or positions. As envisioned by founders' Bill and Vieve Gore, they hoped that associates would constantly be encouraged to grow through knowledge, skill, and individual accountability.

On this 50th anniversary, I would like to recognize the many accomplishments of W.L. Gore & Associates. Their commitment to their customers and employees should be an example for all. I commend the W.L. Gore & Associates family for their commitment to the Delaware community and the nation, and I wish them all the best on this momentous anniversary.

HONORING SERGEANT BRYAN J.  
TUTTEN

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Sergeant Bryan J. Tuten, 33, who died Christmas Day, December 25, 2007 while serving our nation in Iraq during his second tour of duty.

Prior to joining the Army, Sgt. Tuten, born in St. Augustine, Florida, graduated from St. Augustine High School and attended St. Johns River Community College. He was also a member of Holy Greek Orthodox Church in St. Augustine.

We should all remember Sgt. Tuten's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The freedom and liberty we enjoy and peace in the world for others for which he fought are part of the great legacy that Sgt. Tuten leaves behind. He was laid to rest at San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida on January 4, 2008.

After the devastating events of September 11, 2001, Sgt. Tuten enrolled in the Army. His family remembers him as an avid sportsman who loved to fish and cook, and how he enjoyed the time he had playing with his daughter, Catherine. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina which was deployed to Iraq.

With the passing of Sgt. Tuten, America has lost an outstanding citizen and a shining example of service to our nation. He will be remembered as a patriotic American, a pillar of our community and a compassionate husband and a loving father.

To his wife Constantina, his daughter Catherine, his son Gareth, his mother Ms. Sylvia Smallwood and his loving family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sgt. Bryan J. Tuten's contributions and to ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 110th Congress to join me

in recognizing his service in our nation's Armed Forces and remembering a great American hero.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN SCOTT  
KNEPSHIELD

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Scott Kneppshield, Fire Captain in the Wayne Fire Department, upon his retirement from a distinguished 22-year career in Wayne, Michigan.

Fire Captain Kneppshield has dedicated his life to helping others. Upon graduation from Churchill High School in Livonia, Michigan, Scott joined the United States Army and served honorably from 1975 to 1977. Following his service to our country, Scott attended Madonna University, where he received his emergency Medical Technician certification. Scott joined the Wayne Fire Department on June 26, 1985, and continued his employment with the department for 22 years. Scott has been a valuable member of the Department, being promoted to Lieutenant on January 2, 1998, and Fire Captain in February 2000, where he served until December 12, 2007.

In his pursuit of public service, Fire Captain Kneppshield has attended the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland, served as a Michigan State Fire Inspector, and earned a certification from the State of Michigan as a licensed Paramedic. Fire Captain Kneppshield has also been associated with the Metropolitan Detroit Fire Inspectors, the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, and has been an energetic and vocal member of the Wayne Fire Fighters Local 1620 for his entire career. Scott looks forward to more time with his wife of 32 years, Mary, and their daughter Melissa, who attends college at Grand Valley State University.

Madam Speaker, in honor of his commitment to protecting the citizens of Michigan and his dedication to serving the residents of Wayne, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fire Captain Scott Kneppshield for his years of service to our community and our country.

HONORING RETIRING BOSTON  
TOWN COUNCILMAN DENNIS MEAD

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the public career of one of the Town of Boston's most revered leaders, Town Councilman Dennis Mead.

For twelve years, Dennis faithfully represented the Town of Boston, serving with unwavering work ethic and a steadfast commitment to his town's progress. Dennis served honorably as the voice of the people of his community and his service has been a model for others to follow.

Although Dennis will no longer serve on the Boston Town Board come January 1, 2008,